



## **Advent House Ministries**

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Mr. Chad Benson  
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Dear Mr. Benson:

It has come to my attention that MSHDA is currently in the process of reviewing the tax credit "Qualified Allocation Plan" (QAP), as priorities are set for communities around our State. Considering recent efforts to address chronic homelessness and to encourage planning to end homelessness in the next 10 years, it makes sense that the QAP reflect the commitment to this important issue.

As the Executive Director of a faith-based organization, which is involved in housing the homeless through another MSHDA program—and as the former Chair of the Greater Lansing Homeless Resolution Network—I believe that the tremendous resource that tax credits offer should be better understood and utilized in our local community. Therefore, I strongly support the following:

- Thirty percent of the annual tax credit authority be set aside to develop housing for the homeless and/or special needs population, and
- That 10% of the units in all developments be targeted to incomes at or below 30% of area median income for those who are homeless and/or have special needs.

In addition, it would be helpful to offer training and outreach to area shelter providers regarding use of tax credits. As we work to build more permanent housing solutions for the homeless, we should be maximizing the use of this great resource toward the goal of ending homelessness across the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director